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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6-10, 13, 15-35 and 37-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6-10, 13, 15-35 and 37-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to an amendment filed on June 01, 2009. Claims 1, 4, 6-10, 13, 15-35 and 37-42 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States. . . .

(c) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 10, 19-25, 27-33, 35, and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Gerace, U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396.
4. As per claims 1, 10, 19-25, 27-33 35, and 37-40, Gerace teaches a method for targeting ads to a user comprising:
 - A. storing customer profile information (abstract; figures 3B-D; column/line 4/56-5/15; column/line 5/54-6/40)

- B. storing customer web log information (abstract; figures 3F-G; column 5, lines 26-40; column/line 6/40-7/24)
 - C. storing promotion attributes (abstract; figures 5A-D; column 5, lines 15-40)
 - D. inputting profile, web log and promotion attributes into a model (abstract; column 2, lines 10-23 and 35-53; column 13, lines 1-26; column 15, lines 25-44; column 18, lines 10-26; column/line 18/51-19/33) for automatically targeting sales promotions to a customer (abstract; column 1, lines 5-14; column 2, lines 1-65; column 9, lines 8-30; column 13, lines 22-26; column 22, lines 53-65; column/line 26/48-27/50; column/line 28/10-29/20)
 - E. simulating conversion of a shopper into a buyer (column 2, lines 35-53; column 13, lines 1-26; column 18, lines 10-25), varying a promotion based on the model and observing the results (column 1, lines 5-13; column 2, lines 10-23 and 35-53; column 5, lines 8-26; column 7, lines 23-38; column 18, lines 10-25) and continuously updating the model (abstract; column 2, lines 10-23 and 35-53; column 15, lines 25-44; column 18, lines 10-26; column/line 18/51-19/33)
5. Regarding the calculating a percentage likelihood that a customer will become a purchaser, Gerace teaches using input such as buyer purchases (column 2, lines 35-42; column 9, lines 8-15; column 13, lines 1-32) to adjust how ads are displayed to customers (column 18, lines 10-25). Therefore, as some customers are excluded from the population of customers who are to view ads (column 18, lines 18-26) the system of Gerace necessarily calculates a percentage likelihood that one customer is more likely to make a purchase over another.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 4, 6-9, 13, 15-18, 26, 34, 41 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerace, U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396.
8. As per claims 4, 6, 13, 15, 26, 34 and 41, Gerace teaches using a regression analysis to match advertisements to customers (abstract; column 2, lines 10-23 and 35-53; column 15, lines 25-44; column 18, lines 10-26; column/line 18/51-19/33). Regression (e.g. linear, non-linear, logarithmic) and decision modeling (e.g. utility functions) are well-known methods for analyzing data. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use whatever form of analysis he/she is most comfortable with and/or produces the best results (In re Wolfe, 116 USPQ 443, 444 (CCPA 1961)).
9. As per claims 7-9, 16-18, and 42, Gerace teaches using profile, web log and promotion attributes to better target ads (abstract; figures 3A-G and 5A-D; column/line 4/56-7/24). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to collect whatever customer, customer internet history, or advertisement data necessary in order to more effectively target ads to customers (In re Wolfe, 116 USPQ 443, 444 (CCPA 1961)).

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Any new ground(s) of rejection is due to the applicant's amendment. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
11. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.
12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evens Augustin whose telephone number is 571-272-6860. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8 to 5 pm.
13. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779.

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